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Personal Profile Essay

**My History**

Having a dad in the military clearly means you will move a lot, but that was not really a problem for me growing up. I was born in Illinois and from there moved to Montana, England, Washington State, and finally Utah. Each place was so unique and I loved getting to experience different parts of the world/nation. Deployments are never fun, though. My dad went on a humanitarian trip early on and was deployed with the Air Force three times after. Those six months were never fun, especially over special occasions and holidays, like Christmas. Thank goodness he is retiring soon so that he will no longer be in “the bucket” for that kind of thing. Yet, military life has many benefits; you can get on any base, there are perks with purchases, and you get to move around. I actually really liked moving, except for the losing friends part. Although, moving around “forces” you to rely on your family and through that all, they have been my best friends. I have two brothers and two sisters, along with a fish and a dog as well, so technically there is a total of 9 in my family.

**What do I enjoy?**

Where to begin! As seen above, I love doing everything with my family. I love to cook and to exercise, which thankfully counter acts the food intake. I really enjoy hiking and playing sports, but when you move around, it’s hard to grow up with only one sport. So, I did softball a year in elementary (and the mandatory track days), the swim team, and later ended on different dance/tumbling spots before I just stuck with school and piano. I like to paint landscapes (though not very well), read amazing books-any by Jane Austen, watch movies-especially regency films, and travel. Piano is a hobby of mine as well and, luckily, what I am studying for my career choice. Horse riding has always been an activity that I am fond of-especially in the countryside. Also, any activity outside is favored, especially after it rains and clears up the nasty pollution.

**What molded me?**

There are so many significant experiences, great and small, that have made me into who I am today; yet, if I had to sum it up, it would be traveling. Growing up in different states and in England, I was blessed enough to get to travel. Especially living in Europe, we went all over, for example: England, France, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Holland, Austria, Italy, etc. Even after my family moved back to the states, we still traveled. We have gone to various US states, Canada, Hawaii, Belize, and then came my senior trip.

In my family, when you graduate from High School, you get to choose almost anywhere in the world to go. Most friends of mine would have gone to the Caribbean or somewhere warm, but me? Nope. I chose to go on a Baltic cruise, which encompassed Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Russia, Finland, and Sweden. I love history and I love coat weather, so this was a perfect choice for me; plus, no one in my family has been to Russia (but who has these days). Following the trip, you would then return to England to say hello to friends, take trips down memory lane, and stock up on British treats for home.

I got to experience so much and go various places, including many Romanov palaces, castles, WWII sites, famous monuments, and so much more! I also partook of the certain cultural cuisines, like reindeer, sauerkraut, beet soup, Russian stroganoff (which is not the same…), and other traditional meals. The cruise ship itself had tons of stuff to do on it and, in England, we had the opportunity to stay in three different spots. We visited multiple areas like London, Bradford, York, and Harrogate, which is a town close to the village I used to live in as a child. We had classic fish and chips, visited many shops (great old book spots), and I really got in touch with my roots. I would have to write a book to go into detail on the all the things I was fortunate enough to experience.

Through traveling and living, I have been made into who I am today. I still love to travel, I love history and learning, and I love meeting new people. I am well-rounded, thanks to my past, and can appreciate all that I have a whole lot more. I am so grateful to have been able to visit so many places and take away great memories.

**What now? Later?**

I am currently attending Weber State University and studying piano pedagogy. It is pretty rough and time consuming, but the things that are worth it are not always that easy. I practice the piano usually 3 hours a day… and try to make time for other things that I delight in. I want to become a piano teacher, write music-especially for movies/scenes, and possibly accompany. I was raised being more frugal, so in my future, that is how I will live. I have high hopes to attain a stress-free life; it will be peaceful, simple, and meaningful.